

City Ready for LL Regionals

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Garrett Field Hosts Tourney On August 22

Eighteen committees, handling details for this week's Little League Western Regional Tournament at Garrett Field in Torrance, have received plaudits from tourney director John Schnepf.

On the eve of the playoffs, Schnepf has announced that every major obligation has been met.

Four teams, winners of divisional tournaments at San Diego, Visalia, Phoenix and Portland, will arrive in Torrance tomorrow. The tourney will begin Thursday and run through Saturday. The championship contest, to be held at 3:30 p. m. Saturday, will be televised along the West Coast by ABC-TV.

The four division champs will be greeted at International Airport tomorrow by Bert Lynn, Tony Sully, George Sidio, Frank Astiazaran, Harry Lingo, Bob Jensen and Skip Cramer.

Player billeting will be directed by Walt Whitson during a gathering at Garrett Field. Participants will be housed with local families until next Sunday.

Teams will be competing for a berth in the Little League World Series at Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 25-29.

Prior to the regional tournament, visiting players will be kept busy. The Little Leaguers will begin their stay with a trip to Disneyland on Tuesday.

A bun feed will officially launch the tournament Wednesday at Torrance Park. Hotdogs, hamburgers and soft drinks will be given to every youngster wearing a baseball cap to the function.

The defending champion Granada Hills team will be guests at the bun feed. A fireworks display and presentation of tournament pins to the players will be included in the entertainment.

Two other attractions will be an evening of entertainment at the Manhattan Beach Moose Hall and the championship banquet at the Jump'n-Jack Restaurant after Saturday's championship contest.

Thursday and Friday, the youngsters will visit Marineland.

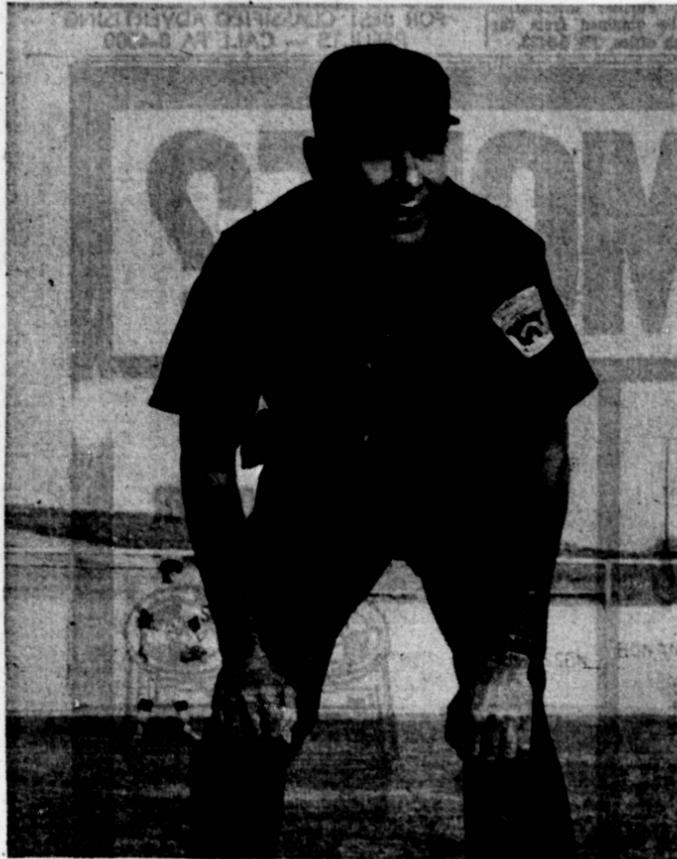
Games will be played Thursday and Friday at 5:30 p. m. Two California teams will compete for the Ed Martins state plaque on Thursday while clubs from Phoenix and Portland will tangle on Friday. The two winners will then vie Saturday at 3:30 p. m. for the title.

Umpire consultant Robert Sullivan has announced umpire assignments for the tournament. Six umpires will be used in the championship competition and four in the consolation game. The staff has been selected from volunteer umpires in Districts 26 and 27.

Thursday's opening game has Sullivan behind the plate, John Lofy, Ed Unrien and Leon Smith on the bases and Bob Hultgren and C. E. Tyler on the foul lines.

On Friday, Buzz Foulk will work the plate with Bert Lynn, Hultgren and Tyler on the bases and Ed Shobert and Lofy along the lines. The consolation game on Saturday.

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BEHIND THE PLATE . . . Former Torrance Board of Education President Bert Lynn will serve as plate umpire Saturday afternoon for the championship game of the Western Regional Little League Tournament. Lynn, who claims he is the world's most honest umpire, will join five other arbiters for the championship game.



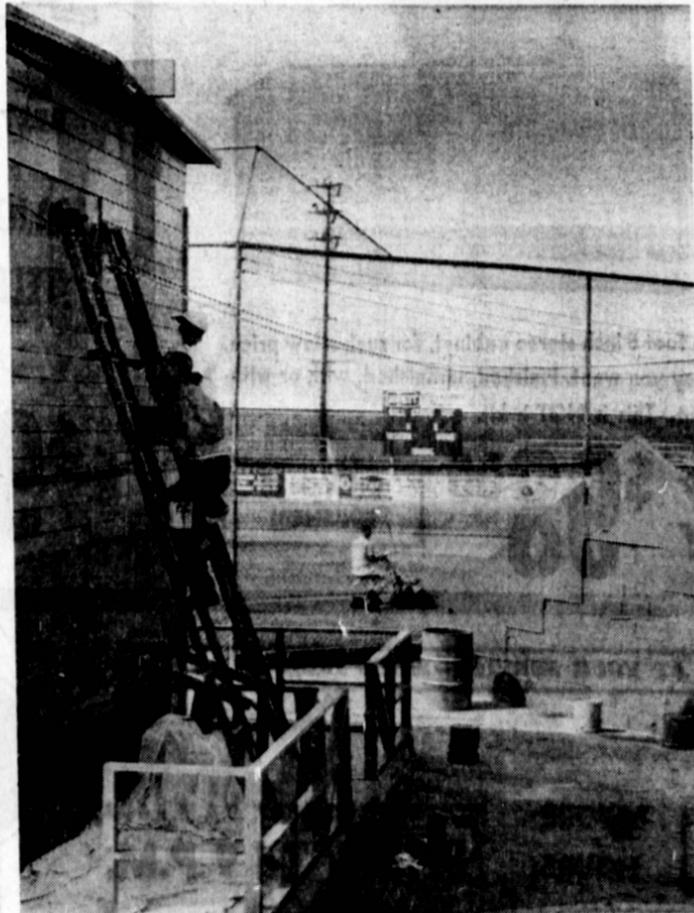
AMERICAN SPORT . . . Two local Little League teams are pictured above attempting to battle their way into the Western Regionals. Torrance will not be directly represented in the tourney, which begins Thursday at Garrett Field. Games will be played on Thursday and Friday at 5:30 p. m. and on Saturday at 3:30 p. m.



GETTING READY . . . Preparing for Wednesday night's Little League bun feed at Torrance Park are (L to R) Ricky Ayers, Ricky Fenn, Mike Fenn, Mrs. Glenn Fenn and Mrs. Esther Ayers. Hotdogs, hamburgers and soft drinks will be given free to every youngster who appears at the function wearing a baseball cap.



JOINING IN . . . Western Regional Little League tourney director John Schnepf pins a Little League badge on Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. The tournament will match the winners of divisional tourneys at San Diego, Visalia, Phoenix and Portland for a trip to the Little League World Series, Aug. 25-29.



WORKING CREW . . . Eighteen committees have been busy in recent months securing money and making arrangements for the Western Regional Little League Tournament which begins Thursday and runs through Friday at Garrett Field in Torrance. Volunteer crews have completely gone over the Arlington and 190th field.



VOLUNTEER . . . New North Torrance East Little League president John Managagli played an instrumental role in preparing Garrett Field for the Western Regional Little League tourney, which will be on TV.